

In the event that Applicant's claim 1 is found not to be allowable, Applicant conditionally elects the species of FIG. 5. However, Applicant respectfully asserts that the species disclosed in FIG. 6 includes the same cells or bumps of the species of FIG. 5 with the exception of the size of those cells or bumps. Applicant asserts that the species of FIG. 6 is a sub-species of FIG. 5. Applicant further submits that it is contemplated that the introducer of FIG. 11 could include the cells or bumps as its textured interface. Accordingly, it is Applicant's position that the species of FIG. 11 is merely an alternative application of the texture of FIG. 5 in the same manner as that depicted in FIGS. 7-10.

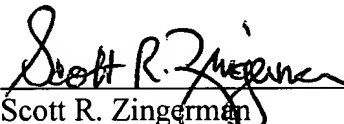
Notwithstanding the above, Applicant conditionally elects the species of FIG. 5. As a result, the following claims are applicable to the present conditional election: Claims 1, 5, 6-12, and 15.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Versions with markings to show changes made."

A Petition for Extension of Time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or debit any additional fees which might become due during the pendency of this application to the deposit account of the undersigned, No. 06-0540.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

In the claims:

1. (Amended) A catheter for insertion into [a blood vessel] the bodily tissue of a medical patient, comprising:

a body including an interface for at least partial insertion into the bodily tissue at a point of insertion; [said interface being the portion of said body which is inserted into the blood vessel;]

said interface being the portion of said body which is in contact with said bodily tissue adjacent said point of insertion;

said interface having an exterior surface including texture thereon.

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